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In re application of:

Masahiro Watanabe, et al.

Application No.: 09/603,459

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For: CHARGED PARTICLE BEAM APPARATUS AND AUTOMATIC ASTIGMATISM ADJUSTMENT METHOD

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 13, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this paper.

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